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Community spirit and academics the focus for Laurier open house *Prospective students invited to explore campus, programs and student life*

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University is offering prospective students a first look at academic programs and community life during an annual March break open house. On March 15, students and parents can explore campus, chat with students, meet the faculty and learn about academic programs.

The 2002 Laurier open house, which may draw more than 2000 people as more Ontario students seek university admission, offers a perfect opportunity for students to familiar themselves with all the University has to offer. Campus visits greatly influence the post-secondary choice, especially for a university with significant community spirit.

“Seeing and experiencing Laurier first-hand is what makes the decision process easier,” says Bridget McMahon, senior Liaison officer. “We have over 200 volunteers set to show these students what real Laurier spirit is all about.”

Throughout the day Laurier will hold information sessions on programs, admissions, co-operative education and career services. An athletics and recreation fair, extra-curricular activity fair, and a new arts and science fair will provide an interactive environment for students to talk one-on-one with professors and Laurier students about their questions and concerns.

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Planners believe that the admissions session will be the most important for the students to attend. “This is the place where students and parents can get answers to their questions regarding admissions, residence and financial aid,” says Jennifer Casey, manager of liaison services. “Year after year, it proves to be among the most popular.”

The day begins with the opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. in the Athletic Complex. Laurier president Robert Rosehart will welcome visitors with opening remarks followed by a performance by Fashion n’ Motion dancers. The arts and science fair begins at 10 a.m. Faculty information sessions run twice between 10:15 and 11:30 a.m., at which point the arts and science co-op sessions begin.

The afternoon schedule starts at noon with the career services open house, and a special kinesiology and physical education open house where students can take part in a lab demonstration. The afternoon also includes:

- an extra-curricular fair from 12:30 to 2 p.m.,
- a school of business and economics co-op session from 1 to 1:30 p.m.,
- a residence open house from 1:30 to 3:30, and
- an admissions and student awards session from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Campus tours will be offered throughout the day. There is no cost and no need to register, though visitors are encouraged to arrive early as parking is limited.

For more information, please visit www.chooselaurier.ca/index_flash.html.